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Hurricane coverage:

1 — Explosions reported at flooded Crosby chemical plant, Houston Chronicle, 8/31/2017

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/texas/article/BREAKING-Reports-of-explosion-at-flooded-Crosby-12163386.php>

A fire broke out at the Arkema plant in Crosby early Thursday, following chemical explosions overnight that sent plumes of black smoke into the air.

2 — Public health threat from Hurricane Harvey just beginning, Houston Chronicle, 8/30/2017

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Public-health-threat-from-Hurricane-Harvey-just-12163122.php>

From the bacteria, viruses, and fungi harbored in floodwaters to new breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes to a potentially staggering mental health toll inflicted on those hardest hit by Harvey, the risks are expected to be great.

3 — Dozens of refinery leaks reported; more toxic spills likely, E&E News, 8/30/2017

<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060059445>

Tropical Storm Harvey has already caused dozens of spills at refineries and chemical plants along the Gulf Coast and could threaten the integrity of toxic waste sites.

4 — As Houston Looks to Recover, Small Towns Now Bear the Brunt, The New York Times, 8/30/2017

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/30/us/small-towns-harvey.html?mcubz=0>

As Houston began gingerly to assess the devastation, the storm marched on to conquer a vast new swath speckled with small towns that are home to millions of people who were shocked anew by Harvey's tenaciously destructive power. Officials faced a population in dire need, but far more difficult to reach.

5 — Beaumont could be without water for days, Beaumont Enterprise, 8/31/2017

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Beaumont-could-be-without-water-for-days-12163451.php>

Beaumont is without a water supply after floodwaters knocked out the city's main pump station near the Neches River before 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Beaumont Fire Capt. Brad Penisson

wrote on the city's website. The city of 120,000 also lost its secondary water source in Hardin County.

6 — East Texas county tells residents 'GET OUT OR DIE!', Houston Chronicle, 8/30/2017

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/hurricaneharvey/article/East-Texas-county-tells-residents-GET-OUT-OR-12162456.php>

Emergency Management officials in Tyler County in East Texas posted a harrowing Facebook message Wednesday evening warning residents of imminent and deadly flooding.

7— A Sea of Health and Environmental Hazards in Houston's Floodwaters, The New York Times, 8/31/17

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/31/us/houston-contaminated-floodwaters.html>

Officials in Houston are just beginning to grapple with the health and environmental risks that lurk in the waters dumped by Hurricane Harvey, a stew of toxic chemicals, sewage, debris and waste that still floods much of the city.

8— The myth of the 100-year flood, E&E News, 8/30/17

<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060059425>

Federal policies are built around the so-called 100-year floodplain, which is commonly and incorrectly understood as an area that would flood once every century. But it really means there's a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year or that there's a 26 percent chance of being flooded at least once during a 30-year mortgage period, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

9 — Flooded refineries raising concerns about gas shortages, Fox 4, 8/30/17

<http://www.fox4news.com/news/277596324-story>

You may have to look a bit harder than normal in some places where there are shortages and occasional long lines for gasoline.

10 — Perry taps federal oil reserve, San Antonio Express-News, 8/31/17

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/energy/article/Perry-taps-federal-oil-reserve-12163683.php>

Energy Secretary Rick Perry on Thursday tapped the federal Strategic Petroleum Reserve to offset fuel shortages in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

11 — Harvey's winds and rain disrupt Texas agriculture, Texas Tribune, 8/30/17

<https://www.texastribune.org/2017/08/30/harveys-winds-and-rain-disrupt-texas-agriculture/>

Hurricane Harvey did more than transform cityscape by turning highways into rivers; it also upended life for farmers and ranchers across dozens of counties that Gov. Greg Abbott declared disaster zones.

12 — Tropical Storm Irma forms in Atlantic, and we're still watching Gulf of Mexico early next week, San Antonio Express-News, 8/30/17

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Tropical-Storm-Irma-forms-in-Atlantic-and-we-re-12161180.php?ipid=brkbar>

A tropical system that could form in the western Gulf of Mexico near Louisiana and Texas early next week bears watching.

Other news:

13 — 'Clean energy' petition targets pollution in New Mexico, Albuquerque Journal, 8/30/17

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/just-transition/tribes-were-the-first-climate-refugees-and-the-first-to-build-resilience-plans-20170830>

The New Mexico Attorney General's Office and consumer advocates are petitioning state regulators to consider a new energy standard they say would protect utility customers and shareholders from the costs and risks associated with future environmental regulations.

14 — As Hurricanes Bear Down, Tribes Act Quickly to Build Resilience Plans, Yes Magazine, 8/30/17

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/just-transition/tribes-were-the-first-climate-refugees-and-the-first-to-build-resilience-plans-20170830>

Chief Albert Naquin was astounded when emergency officials warned him in September 2005 that a second hurricane would soon hammer the southern Louisiana bayous where Hurricane Katrina had struck less than a month earlier. The leader of the Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw tribe, Naquin took to the Isle de Jean Charles' lone road to urge residents who had returned home after Katrina to leave their listing, moldy homes once again.

15 — Harvey jog to largely spare Little Rock; storm's trek now to drench state's southeast, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 8/31/17

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/aug/31/harvey-jog-to-spare-lr-20170831/>

The remnants of Hurricane Harvey, which devastated the Texas Gulf Coast and set record rainfall totals in that state this week, turned northeast Wednesday on a trek that's farther east than first expected.